

2000 Lightning Fatalities

Lightning caused 51 fatalities in 2000, up from 46 in 1999. This number is slightly below the 10-year average of 55. For the third year, Florida recorded the most lightning fatalities with 8. Texas had 5 fatalities and Georgia and Kentucky each had 4. In 2000, the most dangerous places to be during a lightning strike were in the open (23 deaths), under a tree (9), golfing (4), and boating (3). Following past patterns, four times as many men were killed by lightning as women. The most heavily affected age group was the 20- to 39-year-old men (19 deaths), accounting for almost 50 percent of male fatalities.

2000 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
CT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
FL	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	8
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	4
IA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
LA	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
MA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	3	1	0	4	2	9	23	0	9	51
PERCENT	0	6	2	0	8	4	18	45	0	18	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2000 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	3	1	0	4	8
10 TO 19	1	6	0	7	14
20 TO 29	0	13	0	13	25
30 TO 39	0	6	0	6	12
40 TO 49	5	4	0	9	18
50 TO 59	1	4	0	5	10
60 TO 69	0	5	0	5	10
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	1	0	0	1	2
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	40	0	51	101*
PERCENT	22	78	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree